

# **Energy and Public Utilities Commission**

## **Alternative Fuels**

The Budget provides \$500,000 Energy Resources Programs Account to implement AB 1007, which requires the development of recommendations to increase the use of alternative fuels. Specifically, the Energy Commission will evaluate fuel-cycle emissions and the in-state production of alternative fuels, and will encourage consumer use of alternative fuels.

## **Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights**

The Budget provides \$12.2 million and 29.5 positions to implement the Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights, adopted by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on March 2, 2006. The Bill of Rights focuses on enhancing education, outreach and enforcement efforts to help consumers make informed choices, rather than establishing new regulations that could discourage technological innovation. The Bill of Rights also specifically directs the PUC to address the unique needs of non-English-speaking and low-income consumers.

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